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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER

MEMO OF CONVERSATION: FM MULLER (SOUTH AFRICA)

OCTOBER 5, 1973 5:10PM 35A WALDORF TOWERS

1. PARTICIPANTS: SOUTH AFRICA: FM MULLER AMBASSADOR BOTHA

US: THE SECRETARY ASST SEC NEWSOM HAROLD E HORAN, NSC
HERBERT KAISER, AF

2. SUMMARY: IN 15-MINUTE COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY,
SOUTH AFRICA FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER MADE FOLLOWING
POINTS: (A) EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR US ASSISTNACE IN
OVERCOMING SAG'S CREDENTIALS DIFFICULTIES AT UNGA;
(B) SAID SAG DESIRES TO MAINTAIN PRACTICE OF COMMUNICATION
AND CONTACTS WITH US; (C) ASKED FOR UNDERSTANDING OF SAG'S
DOMESTIC POLICIES; AND (D) EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT CHINESE
ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. THE SECRETARY TOLD MULLER THAT US
WOULD NOT HARASS SA, BUT WHERE SA POLICIES AFFECT
FOREIGN POLICY, THE US MIGHT HAVE TO "TOUCH ON" SA. HE
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REITERATED US DESIRE TO AVOID ANY ENCOURAGEMENT TO
VIOLENCE.

THE SECRETARY GAVE HIS PERSONAL ASSESSMENT THAT CHINESE

IN AFRICA ARE MOTIVATED MAINLY BY DESIRE TO BALANCE OFF
USSR. END SUMMARY.

3. MULLER THANKED US FOR ITS ASSISTANCE AT UNGA IN
HELPING SAG OVERCOME ITS CREDENTIALS DIFFICULTIES. IN
RESPONSE, THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE UN COULD NOT
FUNCTION IF PROCEDURES LIKE THOSE ATTEMPTED WERE TO
SUCCEED.

4. MULLER SAID SAG WOULD LIKE TO CONINUE ITS CONTACTS
AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH US AND WELCOMED "DISCREET ADVICE".
HE SAID SA POLICIES WERE OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD. SA POLICIES
MAY NOT BE INFALLIBLE, BUT THEY AIMED AT IMPROVING
HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS. THE SECRETARY TERMED SA SITUATION
"TRAGIC AND COMPLICATED." HE SAID WE WOULD AVOID
UNNECESSARY MEDDLING BUT NOTED THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES
FREQUENTLY PRESS US ABOUT SA'S POLICIES. IN THOSE
INSTANCES "WE MAY HAVE TO TOUCH ON" SA POLICIES. HE
ADDED THAAT THE US WANTS TO AVOID VIOLENCE.

5. MULLER DREW ATTENTION TO CHINESE ACTIVITIES IN
AFRICA, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT TANZANIA'S AND
ZAMBIA'S GROWING DEPENDENCE ON CHINA AND GROWING CHINESE
ROLE IN PORTUGUESE AREAS.

6. RESPONDING TO MULLER'S REQUEST FOR THE SECRETARY'S
ASSESSMENT, THE SECRETARY SAID HE PERSONALLY EXPECTED
CHINESE ACTIVITY IN AFRICA TO INCREASE. HE SAW IT AS
LARGELY INFLUENCED BY A DESIRE TO BALANCE OFF
SOVIET INFLUENCE. HE THOUGHT CHINESE STRATEGY WAS AIMED
AT CAPTURING NON-ALIGNED STATES AND AT PREVENTING WORLD
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT FROM OSTRACIZING THEM. HE EXPECTED
CHINESE TO TRY TO LEAD REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, EXCEPT
WHERE IT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH US. HE SAID
CHINESE "MIGHT GET AWAY" WITH TAKING OVER OF REVOLUTIONARY
MOVEMENTS, " BUT IF THEY REACH THE POINT OF
SETTING UP A PEKING DOMINATED AFRICAN STATE, THEN WE
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WOULD OPPOSE". HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY, THAT THE CHINESE
WILL ESTABLISH A FOOTHOLD IN AFRICA. KISSINGER

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